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**SENATE MEMORIAL 15**

**46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003**

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**A MEMORIAL**

**EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCE OF THE SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF DR.  
SABINE ULIBARRI.**

**WHEREAS, Dr. Sabine Ulibarri, a celebrated New Mexico  
writer, born in Santa Fe on September 21, 1919, died at the age  
of eighty-three; and**

**WHEREAS, he was a pioneer in the field of bilingual books  
and continued the tradition of Spanish as a literary language  
in New Mexico; and**

**WHEREAS, he joined the United States army air corps and  
served from 1942 to 1945 as a ball-turret gunner in a B-17 and  
was awarded the distinguished flying cross for flying in  
thirty-five combat missions over Europe; and**

**WHEREAS, Dr. Ulibarri returned to New Mexico and received  
his bachelor of arts degree in Spanish literature in 1947 and**

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1 his master of arts degree in 1949, and in 1959 he completed his  
2 doctorate in romance languages from the university of  
3 California, Los Angeles; and

4 WHEREAS, as a professor at the university of New Mexico,  
5 he taught creative writing for Spanish students and was chair  
6 of the department of modern and classical languages from 1971  
7 to 1980; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Ulibarri shared his love of literature with  
9 his students, and his colleague, Alfred Rodriguez, said that  
10 Dr. Ulibarri was one of a few "true Chicano writers"; and

11 WHEREAS, many of his stories are set in northern New  
12 Mexico and follow the lives of singing cowboys, devout  
13 penitentes and ghosts, and his short stories, *Tierra Amarilla*,  
14 *La Guera* and *Mi Abuela Fumaba Puros*, are considered to be  
15 classics; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Ulibarri received numerous awards, including  
17 the governor's award for excellence and achievement in  
18 literature; and

19 WHEREAS, his many wonderful stories are a gift to New  
20 Mexico, and he leaves a legacy that affirms the value of  
21 cultural preservation;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
23 OF NEW MEXICO that condolences be expressed on the passing of  
24 Dr. Sabine Ulibarri and that his great contribution to the  
25 literature of New Mexico and Hispanic culture be recognized;

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1 and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
3 transmitted to Dr. Ulibarri's wife, Connie Ulibarri.

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